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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, but before payment of the Issue Fee. The Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance was mailed on June 8, 2009.

Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 along with any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The listed documents include Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 60-34811 that relates to a vehicle for medical attendance outside. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 60-34811 discloses a vehicle 1 comprising a trailer 4 having left and right walls 35, 36. The left and right walls 35, 36 are movable by sliding means 40, 41 in left- and right-hand directions (See Fig. 3). Each of the sliding means 40, 41 comprises a plurality of sliding bars 56, 59. Also, each of the plurality of sliding bars 56, 59 is offset from one another for allowing movement between a first configuration and a second configuration of a floor area 31 (See Fig. 4). The floor area 31 has auxiliary floor plates 61, 61. The auxiliary floor plates 61, 61 are attached to both ends of the floor area 31, and are folded at an angle of 90 degrees (See Fig. 3). When the left and right walls 35, 36 are extended, the auxiliary floor plates 61, 61 are unfolded to allow for the floor area to be on one level.

The listed documents include JP 37-7660 Y that relates to a mobile dwelling. A main body 1 has a plurality of wheels 2, two opposing slide rooms C, C' and a rear slide room D.

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Each slide room C has a wall 21, side ends 25, 26, a ceiling board 22, and a floor board 23 (See Fig. 3). The slide rooms C, C' define a floor area of the main body 1 that has a first configuration and a second configuration (See Fig. 4). Also, the ceiling boards 22, 22 and the floor boards 23, 23 are offset from one another for allowing movement between the first configuration and the second configuration of the floor area. Each of side ends 25, 26 has a folded configuration, and is comprised of three plates which are connected to one another by hinges. When the slide rooms C, C' are extended, the side ends 25, 26 are unfolded.

The listed documents include Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 03-45333 that relates to a mobile medical facility. A vehicle body 10 has two opposing sub operations rooms 54, 54. In addition, the medical facility comprises a tractor 16 for transporting the vehicle body.

The listed documents include JP 2000-142211 which has a corresponding application in Europe drafted in English, EP 0940292 which is also listed on form PTO-1449.

By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2), the following statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is made:

Each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement.

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